

FISCAL NOTE

SB 420 - HB 1794

March 22, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires any entity obtaining roe from commercial roe fish species harvested in Tennessee to pay the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) \$3.00 per pound. Requires any such entity to maintain certain records pertaining to each roe transaction. Failure to make such payments or maintain such records would be punishable as a Class A misdemeanor.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Revenues - \$55,000/Wildlife Resources Fund
Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant/Wildlife Resources Fund

Increase Local Govt. Revenues – Not Significant
Increase Local Govt. Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- Over the last six years, an average of 18,315 pounds of roe are harvested each year in Tennessee.
 $18,315 \times \$3.00 = \$54,950$
- Any increase in state expenditures for administrative costs for the TWRA to implement such a fee program is estimated to be not significant.
- There will not be a sufficient number of misdemeanor prosecutions for local governments to experience a significant increase in revenues or expenditures.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "J".

James W. White, Executive Director